

HB 1639-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that, while substantial progress has been made in protecting Washington's environment, more is now known about the significant effects of development along the state's shorelines.

Declares an intent to provide the tools necessary to address the evolving understanding of measures needed to maintain and, when required, enhance water quality for Washington's marine shorelines while accommodating appropriate development consistent with city and county comprehensive plans.

Recognizes the state's growth management act includes a goal and general requirements to protect water quality as well as the state's surface and ground waters, including Puget Sound. The legislature also recognizes these provisions are codified at RCW 36.70A.020(10), 36.70A.030(14)(g), and 36.70A.070 (1) and (5)(c)(iv). The legislature further recognizes the growth management act defines this goal and these requirements and gives additional guidance for local governments and the public while allowing for local choices and solutions.

Finds the approach taken in the growth management act will protect our marine waters and assist counties, cities, and the public.

Declares an intent that the provisions of this act be implemented by counties and cities according to the schedule specified in RCW 36.70A.130.

Declares that nothing in this act affects the settlement that led to the adoption of the current shoreline master program guidelines.

Declares that nothing in this act is intended to affect the requirements or provisions of the state's water pollution control laws, chapter 90.48 RCW, or the federal clean water act, 33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251 et seq.

Declares that nothing in this act shall create a new cause of action before the growth management hearings boards for any plans or programs not adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW.